MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In the answer it is given that the purpose is for improving the means of communication, sanitation, public health and extending the habitable area of the town. I did not want to repeat them. So I put the question in a short form.

PRESIDENT: The member should realise that sanitation is the work of the Municipality.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Do the Government hope to recoup any portion of the amount, by resale of unnecessary bits of the land acquired?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): What would be the net cost of the scheme, making allowance for the amount that the Government hope to recoup?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I cannot anticipate what, ultimately, we may have to spend on the acquisition of the lands, and what actually we may get by reselling the unwanted portions of the lands acquired.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Has there been no estimate with regard to those two items?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have not the land acquisition charges been included in the estimate for the work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): But, we cannot be sure as to how much we may eventually have to pay for the lands, nor as to what they would fetch at the re-sale.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Is it not usual—

PRESIDENT: You have exhausted your turn.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Rural*): I beg your pardon, Sir.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Is it a fact that the Thampanoor Valley Scheme has been postponed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

Trivandrum Town-Planning Scheme.

182 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what would be the total cost for the completion of the Trivandrum Town-Planning Scheme;

(*b*) how the Government are going to meet the expenditure;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to give the whole work to any individual or firm outside Travancore, to be executed on contract system; and

(*d*) whether any individual or firm outside Travancore has applied to undertake the work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Probably Rs. 30 lakhs.

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(*b*) By making provision for the work from the Capital Account for the next few years.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : With reference to part (*b*) of the answer, may I know the source from which Government expect money for what they call the Capital Account ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : From our surplus funds, or from the loan.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Who is to repay the loan ?

PRESIDENT : Government ; the answer is obvious ; certainly, not Mr. S. J. Nair (*Laughter*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Where do the Government expect money from ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : From the resale of the lands acquired, and also from the various taxes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Who is to pay the taxes ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The tax-payers (*Laughter.*)

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will not these unnecessary works, involving lakhs and lakhs of rupees, ultimately become a heavy burden on the poor tax-payer of the country ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Have the Government obtained the consent of the tax-payer for this huge expenditure of money on unnecessary works ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes ; this House has voted the grant ; and this House is composed of the representatives of the tax-payers.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : We granted money to be spent, properly, Sir ; and not to be wasted.

PRESIDENT : Before any expenditure has been incurred, you cannot say whether it is proper or not.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Is the Town-Planning Scheme, according to the Government, a reproductive work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Not altogether.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether it is reproductive at all ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : We expect a portion of our outlay back by resale of the lands. I may say that Town-Planning Schemes are very seldom reproductive.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Are loan funds generally used for works which are not reproductive ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Sometimes it is done; in this case, it improves the amenities of the inhabitants of the capital.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): We have been told, Sir, that the Thampanoor Valley Scheme has been postponed. May I know whether any other work, under the Town Planning Scheme, is to be taken up next year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Government have not decided the question yet.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha*): Do the Government expect the lands they have acquired, to fetch, when they are resold, more than what the Government have paid for acquiring them?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I cannot anticipate, Sir.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I ask whether provision was made in the Budget without deciding which work is to be taken up during the next year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The major portion of the provision in the Budget is for land acquisition charges.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): In the light of the fact that the Thampanoor Valley Scheme has been postponed, what do the Government propose to do with the ten lakhs of rupees allotted for the purpose?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Government may keep the amount with them or spend it on other town-planning works.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Do the Government consider that the Thampanoor Valley requires improvement?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam*): May I take it that the provision of Rs. 10 lakhs in the Budget for next year, for the Thampanoor Valley, includes the sum of Rs. 5 lakhs provided for in the Budget for the current year?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes. Practically nothing was spent on the valley last year.

The Rubber Factory.

183. ✻MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total value of the articles manufactured in the Trivandrum Rubber Factory;

(*b*) the total amount of expenditure incurred by them from the date of opening of the Factory till 20-8-1111, for maintaining the same, including the pay and allowance of the Officers and wages of the employees;

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